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SUBJECT:

CLOSED MEETING OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY

DF CUBA AT THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN KINGSTON ON

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A CUBAN OFFICIAL VISITING JAMA ICA. HE WAS PRESENT

AT THE MEETING DESCRIBED BELOW. ALTHOUGH IT IS .

BELIEVED THAT HE ACCURATELY REPORTS WHAT HE HAS

BEEN TOLD, HIS RELIABILITY HAS NOT BEEN DETERMINED.

1. DN 24 SEPTEMBER 1977, ENRIQUE M D N T E R D

LEECAND, MINISTER-COUNSELLOR OF THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN KINGSTON,

ADDRESSED THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF THE

DOMMUNIST PARTY OF DUBA (PDD) ASSIGNED TO JAMAICA, MONTER'O

WAS ACTING IN THE PLACE OF THE DUBAN AMBASSADOR TO DAMAIDA,

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RAMON P E Z FERRO, WHO RETURNED TO CUBA ON VACATION ON 21 SEPTEMBER. THE MEETING TOOK PLACE AT THE EMBASSY.

- 2. MONTERO SAID THAT INTERNAL DIVISIONS WITHIN THE RULING PEDPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY (PNP) OF JAMAICA HAD RESULTED IN THE RESIGNATION OF D. K. D U N C A N AS PNP GENERAL SECRETARY AND MINISTER OF MOBILIZATION. MONTERO SAID THAT THE APPOINTMENT OF RALPH B R D W N AS THE NEW PNP GENERAL SECRETARY HAD BEEN GENERALLY WELL-RECEIVED WITHIN THE PNP. MONTERO DESCRIBED BROWN AS A MATURE, EXPERIENCED PARTY OFFICIAL WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO SERVE AS A "MODERATOR" BET WEEN THE "RIGHTISTS," "MODERATES" AND "LEFTISTS" OF THE PNP.
- EXPLOITED BROWN'S RECENT TRIP TO CUBA FOR ITS "CAMPAIGN OF CONFUSION". IN FAILING TO REPORT THE PURPOSE OF THE TRIP, THE PRESS IMPLIED THAT THERE WERE UNKNOWN, SINISTER MOTIVES BEHIND IT. MONTERS SAID THAT BROWN HAD GONE TO CUBA MERELY IN ORDER TO ATTEND THE FIRST CONGRESS OF THE CUBAN COMMITTEES FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE REVOLUTION (CDR), TO BE HELD 24-28 SEPTEMBER. MONTERS SAID THAT APPROXIMATELY 25 FOREIGN COUNTRIES WERE TO SEND DELEGATES TO THIS CONGRESS.

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(FIELD COMMENT: ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, BROWN LEFT JAMAICA
ON 23 SEPTEMBER FOR A THREE-DAY VISIT TO CUBA, THE PURPOSE
OF WHICH WAS NOT INDICATED. ON THE NIGHT OF 27 SEPTEMBER,
IT WAS REPORTED ON JAMAICAN TELEVISION THAT BROWN HAD MADE
A STATEMENT CONCERNING HIS TRIP FOLLOWING HIS RETURN THAT
DAY TO JAMAICA. HE SAID HE HAD GONE TO CUBA SOLELY IN
ORDER TO ATTEND THE CDR CONGRESS. AND HE CRITICIZED THE
DISTORTED MANNER IN WHICH THE JAMAICAN PRESS HAD REPORTED
ON HIS TRIP).

- 4, MONTERO BRIEFLY ADDED THAT DR. TREVOR MUNROE, LEADER OF THE WORKERS! LIBERATION LEAGUE (WLL), TRAVELED TO CUBA FROM JAMAICA ON 21 SEPTEMBER. HE DID NOT INDICATE THE PURPOSE OF MUNROE'S VISIT TO CUBA. FINALLY, MONTERO SAID IT WAS QUITE PROBABLE THAT BELARMING C A S T I L L A MAS, CUBAN VICE MINISTER OF CULTURE, WOULD VISIT JAMAICA DURING THE SECOND HALF OF OCTOBER.
- 5. MONTERO CALLED ON ALL PCC MEMBERS TO BE ALERT FOR ANY COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY ACTIVITIES BY CUBAN EXILES AND TO MAINTAIN THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF SECURITY. HE SAID THAT QUEAR EXILES RECENTLY SAAR A CUBAN BOAT OFF THE COAST

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DF PERU. HE ALSO SAID THAT CUBAN EXILES SUCH AS FNU D I A Z LAN AND DTHERS HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN F. KENNEDY, MONTERO DID NOT ELABORATE.

6. FIELD DISSEM: EMBASSY AT KINGSTON (AMBASSADOR ONLY).

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